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COMMERCE FOR FOREIGN BUYER GROUP

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN ROAD MINISTER TO VISIT US

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 210 B. STATE 25637

1. MAURITANIAN ROAD MINISTER OULD DIDI AND PARTY ARE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK FRIDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 7 VIA PAN AM FLIGHT FROM DAKAR. GROUP EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO WASHINGTON SAME DAY. ONWARD PLANS DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. OULD DIDI SAID HE ANTICIPATES SPENDING ABOUT 3 DAYS IN WASHINGTON AND ADDITIONAL FIVE DAYS AT OTHER LOCATIONS, PARTICULARLY CHINAGO. CONSEQUENTLY, PROPOSAL PARA 1 REFTEL B TO PICK UP OULD DIDI AND OULD EL BECHIR ON PARTIAL IV GRANT FOLLOWING CONEXPO IS NOT POSSIBLE.

2. ROAD MINISTER ASKED OULD DADDAH, WHO IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND KNOWS US WELL, TO ACCOMPANY TEAM. OULD DADDAH'S EMPLOYMENT WITH WESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC., IS UNRELATED TO PURPOSE OF VISIT ALTHOUGH HE MAY WELL MAKE CONTACT WITH HIS COMPANY.

3. REQUEST CONSIDERATION CONTINUE BE GIVEN FOR FUNDING DOMESTIC AIR FAIR WASHINGTON/CONEXPO/NEXT STOP FOR BOTH
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OULD DIDI ANDMULD EL BECHIR. BELIEVE OULD EL BECHIR

QUALIFIES IN OWN RIGHT. IF CU IS PREPARED TO DO THIS,
WE WILL SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC NOMINATION AND BIO DATA.
COST TO USG IS MINIMAL AND WE BELIEVE GESTURE WOULD
BE APPRECIATED.

4. IN ANY EVENT, HOPE DEPT OF COMMERCE WILL OFFER
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO GROUP AND ASSUME OULD DIDI WILL
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SOMEONE IN AF AND AF/W.SHINN

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